

I am the good Shepherd.
John 10:11.

The Shepherd

I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP. John 10:7.

The good Shepherd giveth
his life for the sheep.
John 10:11.

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Pastor Galen Morstad

Pastor Morstad of Calgary has consented to write the English sermons for 1947. We wish him God's richest blessings as he brings the word to the readers of the Shepherd.

Reasonable Service

Read Romans 12:1-5
First Sunday after Epiphany
"Present your bodies a living sacrifice."

Shall we ever be finished learning the truth of sacrificial service? I think not. It is a wholesome challenge at the beginning of a new year, to stop and consider what is sacrificial service. Christmas, another birthday anniversary of Christ, has made our hearts glad. Thank God for the Christian churches that have preserved the true meaning of Christmas. God made a sacrifice when Jesus was born.

God, in His mercy, gave Jesus to us. Jesus never would have come had it not been for the sacrificing nature of God. He sacrificed the most precious personage of the realms of glory, His only Son. Jesus was God's sacrifice at Christmas, a perfect sacrifice. He came to earth, not just to live among sinful human beings, but to die for them. Thus He became a sacrifice for us.

It seems as if Jesus was a symbol of sacrifice, always giving of Himself. He gave of Himself as the babe in Bethlehem—the hope of peace on earth, good will to men. This was for God's sake. A few years later He gave of Himself on the cross as an atonement for the sins of all mankind. This was for man's sake. In between those two historic events He gave of Himself constantly in service to both God and man.

It was the nature of Jesus to be like God. "I and my Father are one," John 10:30. It is the nature of man to be like the devil. "We are by nature children of wrath," Ephesians 2:3. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross at Calvary made possible a second birth for men; made possible a change from the natural person inclined to sin, to a new person in Christ Jesus inclined to righteousness. Sin sacrifices are finished in Christ.

Ours is a sacrifice for service, "present your bodies a living sacrifice—your reasonable service." God expects Christians to know the meaning of sacrifice. It is not out of the way; it is reasonable. Our sacrifices please God and He uses them for a purpose. That purpose is to make known His saving love unto all peoples. Our sacrifices help to accomplish God's purpose. Some sacrifice wealth and fame, position and honor in this world, to become obedient to the will of God. They become fishers of men with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Some in the everyday walks

Power for This Hour--

is the theme for the concerted, church-wide Evangelistic effort in 1947.
The following sets forth tentative plans for our district.

The Circuit Directors at the rally name of the circuit, the tentative set tentative dates for the circuit rallies in each circuit. We shall give the dates, and the name of the Circuit director.

| Circuit | Tentative Dates | Circuit Director |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Peace River | Dec. 27-Jan. 3 | Pastor Anders Mathre |
| Prince Albert | January 5-12 | Pastor J. B. Stolee |
| Saskatoon | January 5-12 | Pastor M. S. Johnson |
| Edmonton | January 12-17 | Pastor I. J. Saugen |
| Manitoba | January 19 | Pastor K. Bergsagel |
| Southern Alberta | Jan. 29-Feb. 4 | Pastor Henry Haugen |
| Swift Current | February 2-9 | Pastor H. F. Johnson |
| Camrose | February 4-9 | Pastor Raymond Olson |
| Moose Jaw | February 12-17 | Pastor John Precht. |

Circuit Directors are contacting pastors in regard to setting up an evangelistic committee in each congregation. Literature of information and inspiration will be sent to each member of committee from the headquarters of the evangelistic movement in Minneapolis, prior to the circuit rallies. Slides will be shown at each rally bringing before the people

by visual aid the possibilities and the plan of the crusade of evangelism. There will be special speakers at each rally. The circuit directors will decide on how many points in each circuit the rallies will be held, and arrange for proper publicity.

Yorkton Circuit will be reached by visiting team conducting evangelistic meetings and organizing the circuit.

THE 1946 BUDGET

Time is quickly passing. Soon the fiscal year for the 1946 budget will end. This ends January 31, 1947. In the last report from Dr. Bergsaker's office, we note that a considerable number of congregations and preaching places have not yet reached the allocated amount. We urgently request that each congregation and preaching place endeavor to send in the full amount before the end of the fiscal year.

It is God's great program that is sponsored by the gifts sent in to the budget. It is not a heavy load if we all work together, and the blessings accruing therefrom only eternity can reveal.

Let us pray and work that the 1946 budget may go over the top with a considerable margin.

PENNY-A-MEAL BOXES

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of life sacrifice what self desires to have what Christ desires. We know and love persons of a self-sacrificing nature.

Have you such a self-sacrificing nature? Does the sacrifice that God in Christ made for you, cause you to think no sacrifice you can make is too great, so long as you accomplish a part of His work? With you and your service, me and my service, and the other 13,000 and some odd members of our church in Canada and their services, God could accomplish much in winning lost souls for the Kingdom. But it will depend upon how much we are willing to make sacrifices of ourselves; sacrifices of time for prayer, sacrifices of worldly interests for Godly interests, sacrifice of means to promote the work others must do, that we cannot.

Are you willing to present your body a living sacrifice, Holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service in 1947?

GALEN MORSTAD.

The Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America

A special General Association Meeting of Celmosa will be held, God willing, on Wednesday, February 12, 1947, of the C. L. B. I. Fellowship Week at the Bible Institute at 2 p.m. All members and friends of the Celmosa are urged to attend.

As many of the friends of the Mission know, it was decided at the special meeting called early in September, 1946, to turn over the Celmosa field, South America, to the churches. That made the future of Celmosa uncertain. However at a meeting held in Mitchell, South Dakota, November 20, 1946, the following motion was passed:

"That the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America, Inc., as of today, take over and assume full responsibility of the Mexican field founded by Mrs. Myrtle Nordin Huerta and her husband, Porfirio Huerta."

The Canada Branch was not represented at this meeting. Since the General Branch in U.S.A. has decided to take over the Mexican work, we as a Canadian Branch must officially take some action as to what future course our organization should take. This can be done only by calling a General Association Meeting as announced above.

The Annual Fellowship Week of the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute

The Fellowship Week for C.L.B.I. will be held, God willing, February 10-16, 1947, at the Institute. These are the correct dates as set by the Board. Guest speakers are, Pastor T. W. Maakestad, of Edmonton, and Pastor L. Tengbom of Calgary.

Installations

Pastor K. C. Grundahl will be installed in Camrose Lutheran on January 19, 1947.—Formerly pastor at Hatten, North Dakota.

Pastor M. B. Odland will be installed in Weldon parish on January 12, 1947.—Formerly pastor at Swift Current, Sask.

Pastor A. H. Strand, Valhalla Centre, Alberta, was married on December 1 to Miss Irene Rude, Tofield Alberta. Further details of the wedding with pictures, will appear in the next issue of the Shepherd.



Pastor Arnold K. Haugen

Pastor Haugen has rendered a real service in writing the topics of interest covering a long period of time. We thank him for his service and we are happy to announce that he has consented to contribute to this feature of the Shepherd for the coming year.

Topics of Interest

A NEW BEGINNING

"What a mess I have made of my life. Just think of the opportunities and blessings God has given me. What have I done with them? Misused and wasted them. And I can't say that it was because I did not know better either." Perhaps you have to say that as you look back upon your life, yes, even this last year. And in your heart there is a wish that you could get rid of your sin-blotched past and get a new power for godly living, and make a brand new beginning.

There is really only one way that you can do this. God has opened that way for you. When Christ was born into this sinful human race, He became a door to the New Year of God's grace for every sinful one of us. In Him we can all have a new beginning. Through Christ we can have our sins forgiven—all our sin-stained past thrown into the sea of God's forgetfulness, so that God looks upon us in Christ as though we had never sinned. Through Christ we can also have that new power in our lives that hates sin and loves godliness. "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

The first of January comes whether we seek it or not. When the minute hand passes the midnight mark on New Year's Eve, we are all of us in a New Year. The new beginning that God has for us in Christ is not like that. While God's grace through Christ is accepted by others about us, we can still persist to live in an old year under the power of sin and Satan. It is true for us individually, nationally and internationally as Martin Niemuller told the German people that there can be no new beginning apart from repentance from sin and faith in Christ.

Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Repentance opens the Kingdom of God to you, and opens your heart to the Kingdom. That is the new beginning you need.

—A. K. H.

To try to be good without religion is frustrating. To try to be religious without being good is devastating.

Haugen Pastor A K Mar 47

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The New Year, 1947

No one knows what the year will bring. We step into the unknown future. The world is in a state of unrest and upheaval. But the Lord reigneth. So we step into the unknown future knowing that God is in that future. For those who put their trust in Him there is nothing to fear.

A forward looking program lies before our church in Canada this new year. The regular church work with its wealth in the Word and the Sacraments will be carried on as before. However, a special emphasis will be manifest this year in the Evangelistic Movement—Power for This Hour. The district is now organized fully and circuit rallies will precede the evangelistic advance. It is worthy of our best efforts, and should be undergirded by our prayers.

Then there is the fruit of our stewardship Advance which was set in motion in the fall circuit meetings throughout our district. The possibilities of blessings from this is tremendous. This, too, merits our best efforts and our prayers.

If our church in Canada is to grow and expand we must, as a district, assume more and more of the cost of our Home Mission endeavors. This means that a greater effort than ever must be put forth in bringing in our new budget allocation and go as far over the top as possible. It is encouraging to note that many congregations are assuming greater and greater responsibility in this regard, and gladly give an over-the-top contribution to the work of the church in general.

Then there is the raising of funds for the new Sunset Home. Much is yet to be done in this regard. Then, too, the new Theological Seminary building is on the program for 1947. The contract has been let and some of the work begun. Camrose Lutheran College has raised a substantial fund for a new building, but more is needed. This new building is also in the program for 1947. A new church edifice is planned for Zion Lutheran congregation in Saskatoon. Expansion of the facilities of S.L.B.I. and C.L.B.I. deserves interest and support. Sunday School by Mail, the Radio Ministry and Lutheran World Action bring a challenge in 1947.

This is part of our program for 1947. There pulsates a spirit of advance throughout our district. May the Lord of the Harvest be permitted to lead in all the endeavors.

Camrose Lutheran parsonage is being renovated in anticipation of the coming of Pastor and Mrs. K. C. Grundahl and family.

NOTE

All contributions should be sent to "The Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada, Luther Seminary, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan."

COLONIZATION BUREAU

Farm in Lutheran Parish

Beautiful two-section farm available for immediate sale. 1,100 acres cultivated. There are two entire sets of good farm buildings so can be made into two farms. It is situated half a mile from elevator, 12 miles from the city of Swift Current, 3 miles from school, and 7 miles from the Lutheran Church. Very desirable location for Lutheran family. Submitted by the secretary of the local Lutheran congregation. 47-1

The purpose of the Colonization Bureau is to assist in the location of Lutheran families in communities served by our Church. Local congregations are urged to bring Lutherans into the community for the strengthening of the congregation. Individuals desiring to move into communities served by our Church are invited to make use of this service. The Clearing House has not investigated the merits of the proposition advertised here and assumes no responsibility in the matter. Send your ads and communications to Josef B. Haave, Rose Valley, Sask.

Radio Broadcasts

The Luther Seminary male chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Dale, sang over CFQC, Saskatoon, Tuesday evening, 10:30 to 11 p.m., December 16. The Zion Lutheran Church choir, Mrs. Dale, director, sang over CFQC, Saskatoon, Friday evening, 10:30 to 11 p.m., December 20.

The Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute broadcasts over CFCN, Calgary, Saturday, January 4, at 8:45 to 9 p.m., on Pastor Morstad's regular broadcast time.

The program, "Prelude to Christmas" sponsored by the Young People's Luther League of Camrose Lutheran, and rendered by the various singing organizations of the congregation, Camrose Lutheran College, and the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute, sang to an audience that packed the church to the doors on Sunday evening, December 15, and to a good crowd at the repeat program on Monday evening, the 16th. This is an annual event in Camrose Lutheran.

PENNY-A-MEAL

A great deal of money has come in to the budget through the Penny-a-meal.

In order that this also be the case in 1947 it is well to order Penny-a-meal containers early. The Circuit Stewardship Secretaries have been urged to contact the congregations to find out how many boxes each congregation will need. Kindly order your boxes from Pastor A. M. Vinge, Drawer 400, Camrose, Alberta.

GIFTS FOR BETHANY SUNSET HOME

Bawlf, Alta., Dec. 2, 1946.

Rev. A. M. Vinge, Camrose, Alta.

Dear Pastor: I wish to take this opportunity of thanking each and every one who so kindly has remembered the Bethany Sunset Home through the year. It has been of great help and encouragement as well, to know we have so many kind friends. May you receive much joy and blessing from God, in remembering the work among the aged.

I also wish to thank the management of the Shepherd for the free copies sent to our Home, and for the printing of our donation list.

Sincerely,
SISTER MARIE WEEKS

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M. S. JOHNSON, present pastor of Central Lutheran Church.

The Shepherd also desires the bring a word of congratulation to Central Lutheran, Pastor and Mrs. M. S. Johnson for the fine record that has been made. It is indeed encouraging to note the fine progress. May the Lord use this congregation to garner in many souls for the Kingdom and to strengthen God's children in its field of service.

It is interesting to note that this congregation has also sent in 200% of its budget apportionment for 1944 and that a gift of \$119.36 has been given to Lutheran World Action. —V.

A Dedication

Father, let me dedicate
All this year to Thee,
In whatever worldly state
Thou wilt have me be.
Not from sorrow, pain, or care,
Freedom dare I claim;
This alone shall be my prayer:
Glorify Thy name.

Can a child presume to choose
Where or how to live?
Can a Father's love refuse
All the best to give?
More Thou givest ev'ry day
Than the best can claim;
Nor withholdest aught that may
Glorify Thy name.

If in mercy Thou wilt spare
Joys that yet are mine;
If on life, serene and fair,
Brighter rays may shine.
Let my glad heart, while it sings,
Thee in all proclaim;
And whate'er the future bring,
Glorify Thy name.

If Thou callest to the cross,
And its shadow come,
Turning all my gain to loss,
Shrouding heart and home:
Let me think how Thy dear Son
To His glory came,
And in deepest woe pray on,
"Glorify Thy name."

L. TUTTIETT, 1825-97.

Why He Couldn't "Catch Up". — A prophet of the Lord (1 Sam. 3:20). "You're just out of date," said young Pastor Bate to one of our faithful old preachers who had carried for years, in travail and tears, the Gospel to poor sinful creatures. "Yes still preach on hades and shock cultured ladies, with your barbarous doctrine of blood. You're so far behind you'll never catch up; you're a flat tire stuck in the mud." For some little while a wee bit of a smile enlightened the old pastor's face. Being made the butt of ridicule's cut did not ruffle his sweetness and grace. Then he turned to young Bate, so suave and sedate. "'Catch up', did my ears hear you say? Why, I couldn't succeed if I doubled my speed. My friend, I'm not going your way!" —From Christian Victory. Sent by M. H. James, Toronto, Can.

Religion is what the individual does with his own solitude. If you are never solitary you are never religious. —Dean Inge.

No man ever gets very high by tearing other people down.

Festival Sunday

Sunday, Dec. 10, was a joyful occasion for the members and friends of Central Lutheran Church of Edmonton. On that special day of Thanksgiving they met to celebrate the congregation's first freedom from indebtedness and for their first worship service as a self-supporting congregation.

The attainment of these two objectives was marked by festival services at which the Rev. C. S. Lystig, of Winger, Minn. pastor of the church from 1936 to 1941, was the guest speaker. At the morning Festival Worship Service Pastor Lystig chose Exodus 14: 10-16 as his text. Using the theme: "Go Forward" he brought a challenging message to the congregation to continue to advance with Christ. The attainment of objectives long sought should not lull a congregation into a feeling of having finished its task. Indeed a festival like this could have that danger, he pointed out unless the people continue to press forward in the name and in the spirit of Christ. If that is done then, God will lead forward even as he did with Moses and the children of Israel. From a human point of view they were in a very hopeless position. But with God as their leader they passed through the very midst of their difficulties.

At three thirty in the afternoon the con-

A Brief History of the Congregation

The work in Edmonton 1909-11 was early pioneer work as far as our church was concerned. Services were held by pastors Knutson and Jothan.

Early organizers of the congregation were: H. Simonson, O. Henningson, Gilbert Berg, H. Gullickson, John Stephenson, Henry Simonson, Martin Bolsing, L. Opheim, H. Floen and R. D. Johnson.

A church building was started in 1913. Those who took an active part in the building operations were: C. Henningson, H. P. Floen, H. P. Simonson, H. A. Simonson, P. Erickson, Alfred Lee, G. Sorenson, P. Leland, O. G. and G. Brocke, M. Rickstein, and Pastors Knutson and Jothan. As usual, the Ladies Aid rendered a fine service also in these early days.

The corner stone was laid in 1913. Pastors participating were: T. T. Carlson, Jothan, Knutson, Bersvend Anderson, and Prof. A. H. Solheim.

Prof. Solheim assisted Pastor Knutson that year.

1914-18. S. S. Westby. 1918-21 C. N. Sandager, 1922-24 A. O. Borlaug, Pastor Schillias then served for less than a year. S. Wessel 1926-35. C. S. Lystig 1936 until December 1941. The congregation had no pastor until the summer of 1942 when Pastor M. S. Johnson, the present pastor, came. Thus God has provided the Word and Sacraments also in this place down through these many years.



CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prayer

Oh Master Draftsman,
Who hast planned the blue print of my life,
Forgive me: for long years
I followed the design that I had made,
Drawn with the lines of selfishness, of thoughtlessness, of gain.

But as I built, I found
The structure had no base,
For there was naught on which to build
Save sand, which washed away.

gregation met for a mortgage burning service. In the midst of a varied program this symbolic act held the high point of interest. Mr. Clarence Holmberg, Mr. Peter Olson, and Mr. L. E. Foster took part in the burning of the document. Mr. Olson and Mr. Holmberg whose names appeared on the mortgage as trustees of the church at the time the last mortgage was signed in 1936, held the paper while Mr. Foster, church treasurer, applied a match to it.

After the burning Mr. Foster briefly reviewed the financial history of the congregation and urged the members to all actively cooperate now that the church was to be independent. Pastor Lystig spoke on the history of the last few years in Central Lutheran and wished the congregation every blessing in the future.

Following a fellowship luncheon which came after the afternoon service, the congregation met for the last service at which time Pastor Lystig spoke on Luke 16:19-31 stressing the need for not only hearing but actually receiving in faith the Word of God. He brought out that all of our people today know at least the facts of the way of salvation. But there are many like the rich man who neglect the message. "He that hath ears to hear let him hear."

May God continue to bless Central Lutheran Church on its way and may it ever be faithful to the mission that God gives it here in Edmonton.

This beautiful hymn was used at the festival thanksgiving service at Central Lutheran Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

Festival Hymn

Melody: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
We come with praise, O Gracious Lord,
A grateful congregation,
We sing our praise with one accord
To Thee on this occasion
For what we are today.
For blessings on our way;
O Lord, accept our praise
For all thy gifts of grace
In this our house of worship.

Within this place we often heard
Thy promise of salvation;
Our hearts have been profoundly stirred
By its sweet invitation;
To those who did repent
Thy Word and Sacrament
Brought pardon, joy, and peace,
From sin a safe release,
And power to win life's battle.

We praise thee, Holy Trinity,
O Father, Son, and Spirit!
We praise thee for this festival,
For gifts we did inherit!
We praise thee for thy grace
Throughout our future days,
Our congregation bless,
And grant it fruitfulness,
In sinners, saved and sainted.

—C. K. Solberg.



C. S. LYSTIG of Winger, Minnesota former pastor of Central Lutheran Church.

A New Year Thought

To be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to look up at the stars;

To be satisfied with your possessions, but not contented with yourself until you have made the best use of them;

To despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice;

To be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts;

To covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manner;

To think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ; To spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit, in God's out-of-doors.

These are little guide-posts on the foot-path of peace.

"By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." —John 13, 35.

God is Willing

God is now willing, in Christ reconciled
Willing to pardon and cleanse the defiled,
Willing to take you and make you His child.
God is now willing—are you?

God is now willing to give you His peace,
Willing from bondage of sin to release,
Willing the conflict within you should cease.
God is now willing—are you?

God is now willing, are you?
Will you not trust Him, so faithful, so true?
If you refuse Him, O what will you do?
God is now willing—are you?

From YPLL Oct. Youth Issue

Another Year

Another year! The future path lies hidden,
And shadows seem to fall across the way.
Press on! A light before thee shineth
Yet more and more unto the perfect day.

Another year! The days are growing evil,
And Satan's threat'nings dark forebodings send.

Fear not! Thy God hath surely spoken:
"Lo, I am with you... even to the end!"

Another year! The land is parched and thirsty;
Our souls are faint; low droops the precious grain.

Plead on! Elijah's God will answer
And pour, in mighty floods, the latter rain.

Another year! We wait with eager longing;
The hour is late; midnight comes on apace.
Look up! Redemption's day is dawning;
Perhaps this year we'll see our Bridegroom's face.

—M. D. A.

The most dangerous enemy we face is not the drinkers' thirst for alcohol; it is the sellers' thirst for gold. —Dr. E. M. Howse.

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The Bethany Sunset Home

Gifts in cash

CHELAND, ASK.— Lutheran Ladies Aid \$5.00.

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ENCHANT, ALTA.— Zion L.D.R. Rev. Raymond Olson, Pastor, \$12.00.

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NEW NORWAY, ALTA.— Mrs. N. Stromberg in memory of P/O Loyd Allen Tweter \$1.00.

OUTLOOK, SASK.— Mr. C. H. Biss (Thankoffering) \$5.00.

SASKATOON, SASK.— Mr. and Mrs. Even Swenson (Building Fund) \$20.00.

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TOFIELD, ALTA.— From Friends of P. B. Anderson \$3.75. Bardo Ladies Aid (Building Fund) \$24.00.

WINDSOR, N.S.— Chaplain E. O. Walker in memory of Rev. J. B. Tandberg \$35.00.

WELDON, SASK.— Weldon Ladies Aid Rev. Korshavn Pastor in memory of Rev. J. B. Tandberg \$15.00.

TORQUAY, SASK.— In memory of Ole Ruland from Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bergum \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Pederson \$2.; R. and Mrs. Ear. Sovde \$1.00.

VIKING, ALTA.— Chaplain and Mrs. I. J. Saugen (Building Fund) \$10.00.

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Gifts in natura

BAWLF, ALTA.— Mr. and Mrs. Ole Loken, 4 Chickens and vegetables. H. H. Shannon's Store, several dozen Oranges.

EDMONTON, ALTA.— Central Lutheran Ladies Aid, one Quilt.

FERRY POINT, ALTA.— Mr. and Mrs. Moland, three Chickens.

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.— Mr. and Mrs. Matt Norgaard: 1 dozen Dish Towels and several dozen Clothes Pins and Clothes Pin Bag.

SIMMIE, SASK.— Mr. and Mrs. Nels J. Olson, one Tea Cloth and one Pair Pillow Cases.

TOFIELD, ALTA.— Bardo Ladies Aid Rev. J. Ostrem Pastor. Mrs. T. Rorem and Mrs. Martin Hagen 4 lbs. Lard and two Dresser Scarves. Mrs. Ovilia Brekken and Mabel Johnson two pair Pillow Cases. Mrs. Emil Rude one Night Gown (5 Ladies Handkerchiefs). Alice Finseth and Nora Anderson two Nightgowns. One pkg. Rinso, two pieces of P.&G. Soap, 2 lbs. Coffee, one piece of Toilet Soap, one pair Pillow Cases, 5 Wash Clothes, one Tea Towel, 3 Bath Towels, and second handed Clothing one Hat, one Top Coat, and one Suit Coat.

"You cannot make yourself the man you ought to be by letting God alone."

"Conscience is bound to be a guide or a punishment"

Question: What does it mean to take up the cross and follow Christ?

Answer: Briefly stated, it means two things; first, to accept the crucified Christ as your own and only personal Savior, and second, willingly to accept the consequences in this world of wholly belonging to Christ.

Christ Jesus redeemed us. We add nothing to His life, death, or resurrection by our faith or works. Human sufferings do not atone for sin, and are not in themselves the cross of Christians. There is unspeakable human suffering among the heathen, but it is not "taking up the cross and following Christ," for they know not Christ.

The Christian's cross is not a cross of atonement, but of discipleship. It is self-denial, a willing acceptance of such trials which a Christian might avoid if he would in some way compromise with sin. Jesus Christ never bargained with temptation and sin, nor did He ever beg to be excused from His duty. "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." The Holy Spirit is given us in order that we might be enabled to do just that.

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Question: When Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan was He immersed or sprinkled?

Answer: Bible scholars have discussed this for ages, but no one can prove which method of baptism was used. It is reasonable to suppose that whichever mode of baptism was used by John in ministering to others was also used when he baptized Jesus. It was in the Jordan, but whether men stood waist-deep in the river and then had water poured upon them, or they were immersed, we cannot tell. Several Bible passages have been quoted in proof of the one mode or the other, but usually the interpretation has been forced to fit one's own view. In baptism, whether the temporary ordinance performed by John, or the Christian baptism, the amount of water is unimportant, for neither an oceanful nor a handful of water alone can cleanse from sin.

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Question: Is it right for a Christian to marry an unbeliever?

Answer: Israel of the Old Covenant was forbidden to intermarry with unbelievers, or Gentiles, generally speaking. Christianity does not consist in observing permissions or prohibitions, but the Word warns us against fellowship with the ungodly. There is no more intimate human fellowship than that of husband and wife. They are to be "one", especially spiritually. Obviously, this is impossible if they disagree in matters of religion. Read 2 Cor. 6: 14-15.

Question: If we are constantly sinning, how can we be assured of a constant forgiveness if we do not pray every minute of the day?

Answer: A child of God is a sinner, but he is not "constantly sinning." To "have sin," that is to be a sinner, is one thing; to do sin is another thing. We need not and will not yield to our sinful flesh constantly, for though we are sinners we are not under the dominion of sin, so that sin rules over us (Rom. 6:14). But sin does so easily beset us (Hebr. 12:1). And all too frequently do we yield. Therefore a child of God needs to be "saved" daily from sin and its power. "Who can discern his errors; cleanse thou me from hidden faults" (Ps. 19:12). "And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). "Wherefore also he is able to save to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebr. 7:25). Therefore true assurance does not consist in walking about in constant dread of having committed some sin that we may have forgotten to confess to God. We leave the burden of all sins, the known and the unknown, with Jesus. As long as we renounce evil, within and without, hand our flesh with all its sin over to God to be judged by Him, and trustingly take our refuge in Christ, there is no condemnation for us. In Christ: no condemnation; outside of Christ: only condemnation. —HJS.

—Bible Banner.

My dear ones' faces—I would put away The hundred happy plannings for the day, My hillside with its violets in bloom. Here is the quiet of this upper room Shut me apart, contented and unlonely, Seeing and hearing naught "save Jesus only."

Selected Short Sermons

Merit needs no parade of virtues.

It is up to us to keep the windows of our souls so clean that the light of hope and joy can shine in.

There is practically no danger of developing eye strain from looking at the bright side of things.

When a man enlarges his effort, God enlarges him.

In the long run it is useless to shout louder than you act.

Manners are the happy ways of doing things.

The rust of disuse is more destructive than the wear of service.

Blessed is the man who is too busy to take time to tell how busy he is.

If Providence did not put us flat on our backs now and then we would never learn to look up.

The strange thing is that a man who is satisfied with so little in himself demands so much in others.

Some people are so insistent on having their rights that they do not find time to think of their duties.

If God had intended that we should talk more than we hear he would have given us two mouths and one ear.

It is pretty hard to climax a bad life with a victorious death.

By Eary Riney.

There never has been a law placed upon the statute books of any civilized nation in earth with reference to liquor that the liquor forces did not undertake to break down, to violate, to undermine and to corrupt the officials.

It is the history of liquor legislation from the beginning until this hour. They are seeking to do with this law what they have sought to do with every law. It is not within the ingenuity of the human mind to devise a liquor law that will be satisfactory to the liquor interests. I do not care where you go, when it was, or how you undertake to deal with it. We had the same condition of violation, of corruption, of deceit, of fraud that we have now in regard to this matter.... There must be no law. The evil wants a free rein.

What the liquor interests crave is the right, uncontrolled and unhampered, to prey upon the human race to its full, insatiable appetite.—Senator Borah.

What could the King do?

In the second century they brought a Christian before a king, who wanted him to recant and give up Christ and Christianity, but the man spurned the proposition. But the king said:

"If you don't do it, I will banish you."

The man smiled and answered, "You can't banish me from Christ, for He says He will never leave me nor forsake me."

The king got angry, and said: "Well, I will confiscate your property and take it all from you."

And the man replied: "My treasures are laid up on high; you cannot get them."

The king became still more angry, and said: "I will kill you."

"Why," the man answered, "I have been dead forty years; I have been dead with Christ, dead to the world, and my life is hid with Christ in God, and you cannot touch it."

"What are you going to do with such a fanatic?" said the king.

—D. L. Moody.

It Works

A mechanic was called in to repair the mechanism of a giant telescope. During the noon hour the chief astronomer came upon the man reading the Bible. "What good do you expect from that?" he asked. "The Bible is out of date. Why, you don't even know who wrote it."

The mechanic puzzled a moment. Then he looked up. "Don't you make considerable use of the multiplication table in your calculations?"

"Yes, of course," returned the other. "Do you know who wrote it?"

"Why, no, I guess I don't."

"Then," said the mechanic, "how can you trust the multiplication table when you don't know who wrote it?"

"We trust it because.... well, because it works," the astronomer finished testily.

"Well, I trust the Bible for the same reason—it just works." —From Christus Medicus Magnus.

Unrationed Values

The following poem was taken from an English magazine whose editor aimed to console the victims of rationing:

Rations of meat, rations of cheese,
Rations of bacon and ham;
Rations of margarine, rations of milk,
Rations of sugar and jam;
Rations of fruit, rations of lard,
Rations of butter and tea;
Rations of clothes, rations of boots,
Come and go shopping with me!

Unrationed sky, unrationed sea,
Unrationed sunshine and breeze;
Unrationed stars, unrationed clouds,
Unrationed beauty of trees;
Unrationed pardon and love;
Unrationed peace, unrationed power,
Unrationed faith, unrationed grace.

—The Monthly Bulletin.

Missing the Jim Crow

When the subway train pulled away from the Chicago Avenue Station Wednesday morning a young Negro about 22 years old stood, perplexed, in the half-filled car. It was easily apparent that he was only recently arrived from the deep, color-conscious South.

At last he approached the train guard and asked:

"Mister, can you tell me where I can find a seat?"

"Take any seat. Sit wherever you want to," was the reply.

A broad grin lighted the man's face as he experienced, probably for the first time in his life, the novelty of riding on a public conveyance, free and equal.—(Dale Harrison in the Chicago Sun.)

In Memoriam

For Bible Camp: Otteson's Family \$5; John and Mattie og Mor Orsten \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hansen and family \$1.00; Aslaug and Tillie Hansen \$2.00; Mrs. Hansen, Ted and Hilda \$2.00.

For Columbia Evangelical Lutheran Mission: Mr. and Mrs. J. Olson, \$1; Rev. and Mrs. R. Olson, \$2.00.

For Bawlf Old Folks Home. Mrs. Joe Slettete \$3.00.

From Lutheran Free Church Minutes

"For pastors a definite minimum was set — \$1400, and free house. It was pointed out that student assistants in some synods get more pay than our regular pastors. That situation is not conducive to drawing responsible men into the ministry, men who realize what it costs to live, carry on that work by car and try to support a family in a conscientious way."

—Lutheran Messenger.

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Ukukulelangoqo

This unspeakable word in the Zulu language signifies "spoils for the king." In older days, at the time of King Chaka, his fierce warriors were the dread of all the neighboring tribes, when they went forth to kill and steel and plunder. The men were killed, but the women, children and cattle were captured. When the army returned victorious, they divided the spoils between them and the best part was always sent as an offering to the king: the ukukulelangoqo.

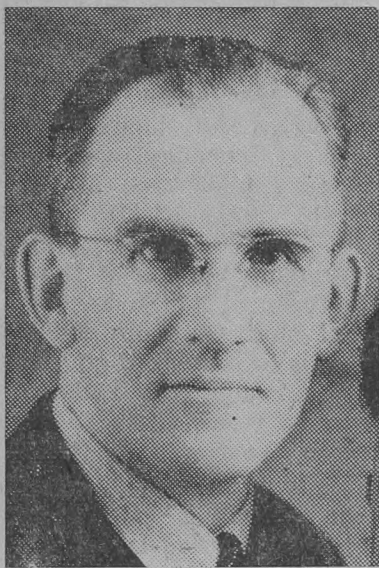
Now, since Christianity has changed the lives of many of the Zulu people, this word has been used in quite a different way; it now takes the place of the English word "Harvest Festival." The people walk miles over the winding pathways leading to the Mission stations bringing gifts from their harvests: peas(beans, corn, sweet potatoes, poultry, goats, grass mats and baskets, and whatever they have to give. After devotion in the church, they gather in the school compound where a sale is conducted of all the gifts which have been brought in, and the proceeds are used to further the work of the Kingdom of God. This still means the king's part, but with what a difference! It is the new ukukulelangoqo, the Christians' offering to the King of kings.

Mrs. John Gronli, in News Bulletin.

Hyrden

JEG ER DØREN TIL FAARENE.—Joh. 10:7

Wadena, Sask., Første No. i January, 1947.



Pastor H. Arnholt Strand

Pastor Strand har skrevet norske prekenes for Hyrden i 1946. Vi anmodet ham om at holde paa ogsaa i det nye aar, og det gleder oss at han har lovet os dette. Han har ogsaa paatat sig at skrive en serie som betegnes I Brennpunktet, i det nye aar. Det første innleg i denne serie finnes i spalte fire.

Stjernen og Ordet

Kristi aapenbarings dag — Matt.
2:1-12

Stjernen — den er Guds skapelses verden som taler til oss om Gud og vekker vaar lengsel etter ham. Stjernen — det er symbolet for menneskets traad etter Gud og iver i aa lete seg from til ham.

Ordet — det er Guds særskilte aapenbaring av seg selv for mennesker. Ordet er det som virkelig viser veien til Gud for den sökende sjel og viser veien **helt fram**.

Underfullt skjøn straalte stjernen den første julenatt. Det var akkurat som menneskets lengsel etter Gud netop da hadde fortettet seg slik som aldri før. Som verdige representanter for hele den lengtende menneskeslekt skridet østens vise menn fra gjennom øde ørken og nattlig mørke paa sin stiløse vei for aa finne frelsen og Frelseren.

Skjønt straalte stjernen framdeles gjennom verden. Ingen unngaar dens skin. Den straalte over India, Kina og Japan og de andre land i det ytterste øst. Lengselen etter Gud brer seg derute ved de Kristi budbærere som har faatt gaa omkring med hans stjernelys-evangeliet. Folkene har kastet omkring som paa en flodbølge av alle slags tankesystem. No synes de aa innse at en materialistisk verensopfatning kanskje ikke er til aa stole paa.

Overalt fornemmes lengsel etter Gud. Ogsaa mange steder i vaart eget land. Aldri har etterspørselen etter religiøs literatur vært større enn idag. Stjernen straalte sterk og underfull.

ORDET. Stjernen trenger ordet. Stjernen straalte men ordet leder. Stjernen vekker men ordet gir liv. Stjernen driver oss ut til aa søke. Ordet bærer sjelen hjem.

Uten ordet hadde de vise menn aldri naadd krybben i Bethlehem. Stjernen ledet dem paa rett hold. Men saa kom egenfornuftens kloke tanker. Og de talte et enno mektigere spraak enn stjernen, slik som det alltid skjer. Men de selvloke tanker førte bare paa villspor, som det ogsaa alltid skjer naar det gjelder frelsens og salighetens sak.

Her finnes det bare en redning: Ordet. Herodes "sammenkalte alle yppersteprestene og de skriftlærde blant folket og spurte dem hvor Messias skulde fødes. De sa til ham: I Bethlehem i Judea; for saa er skrevet ved profeten." Ved ordets hjelp

Hvorfor jeg gaar til Alters?

Hvorfor jeg gaar til Alters? Hvis jeg ganske personlig skal besvare det Spøragsmaal, maa jeg vist først sige: fordi Jesus har sagt, at det skal jeg. Og jeg følger mig bundet af hans Ord. Jeg kan ikke komme udenom, at han sagde Skærtorsdag Aften: "Gør det til min Ihukommelse!" Og overfor den meget tydelige Befaling—eller Indbydelse—betyder det egentlig saa lidt for mig, hvilke personlige Inven-dinger eller Betæneligheder jeg muligvis kunde have. Jeg har hans Ord at kome paa—og det er mig nok. Jeg har den Tro og den Erfaring, at der altid følger en Velsignelse med at gøre, som Jesus har sagt.

Videre kan jeg sige, at jeg gaar til Alters, fordi jeg trenger til det. Jeg tør ikke sige, at jeg alltid ligefrem længes efter det; men jeg ved, at jeg trenger til det. Og skulde der komme en Periode, hvor jeg ikke rigtig følger den Trang, saa er det vel kun et Vidnesbyrd om, at jeg trenger desto mere.

Og dernæst: Jeg gaar til Alters for at møde de andre Kristne dér. Og jeg ved ikke noget Sted, hvor jeg rigere oplever de helliges Samfund—ikke engang i den fælles kristelige Tjeneste. Der er jo ellers nok, som skiler os. Men der er eet Sted, hvor vi med alle vore Forskelligheder knæler Side om Side. Og det er ved Nadverbordet. Dér er vi allesammen eet—i Ham. Ogsaa eet med de Brødre og Søstre, som ikke er paa Jorden mere. Ved Nadverbordet synes jeg undertiden, at jeg er dem nærmere, end da vi sad sammen paa den samme

fant de vise menn Jesus barnet. De fant hva de hele sitt liv hadde søkt, og lette etter no under farefull ferd gjennom brennende lengsler ørkener. De fant Gud i Jesubarent, som en levende virkelighet i den timelige verden. Saa kunne de senere dra tilbake til sitt eget land med glede. Deres eget liv, begrenset og trengende hadde paa en underfuld virkelig maate blitt lenket med evighetens rike verden. No visste de ikke bare hva det var aa søke. Na hadde de oplevd finnerens glede. Ordet om Jesus hjalp dem helt fram.

De vise menn er framledes ute paa vandring for aa finne frelseren. De kommer til vaare misjonærer. Lengselen driver dem dit. Men Ordet som de gir dem, og det alene, viser dem veien helt fram til Frelseren. Ordet er umistelig for hver den som søker Gud. Alt annet kan vi unnvære, men ikke Ordet. Det er ikke saa underlig da at Ordet om Jesus er det mest spredde og det mest leste i hele verden. Og at Bibelen er den mest etterspurte bok. Den kan no leses paa 1070 forskjellige spraak. Ingen gjerning er derfor saa betydningsfull og saa viktig som aa gi Ordet til tapte mennesker over hele verden.

Kristi aapenbarings dag er misjonens dag. Den dagen taler til oss om folkeknes søken etter den levende Gud. Den taler ikke om hedningeverdenens nød og plage i første rekke. Den taler om det største og beste som finnes i den ikke-kristene verden: den opriktige og trofaste søken etter Gud. Derfor skal tanken paa dette være den største maning til oss om aa gaa ut med Ordet om Frelseren. Den skal drive oss til misjonsarbeid. Tenk paa hvilke muligheter til herlig nyskapsel i de enkelte menneskers og folks liv som er gitt oss i denne lengsel og søken etter Gud, saasant de faar høre Ordet om Jesus og hans underfulle frelse. La oss gi dem det. La oss være med i bønn og gaver i misjonens store gjerning.

—H. Arnholt Strand.

Kirkebænk og saa i Salmebog med hinanden.

Og saa gaar jeg da ogsaa til Alters for at være saa nær ved Jesus, som jeg kan komme. Det skulde jeg vel have nævnt allerførst, for det er dog det største og det egentlige. Ham kan jeg ikke undvære. Intet Ord i Skriften har jeg dybere forstaaet end det, Simon Peter sagde: "Herre, til hvem skal vi gaa hen?—du har det evige Livs Ord." Selvfølgelig kan jeg møde ham hjemme i min Stue eller midt paa Gaden eller i Samtale med en anden Kristen—men aldrig saa nær som ved hans Bord. Dér bøjer den korsfæstede og opstandne sig over mig med Tilgivelsens Ord, og i Brødet og Vinen giver han mig Del i sig selv og Adkomst til hans Offer og hans Sejr.

Bare to Ting endnu. Jeg gaar til Alters for deres Skyld, som ikke vil. Jeg ved ikke, om det er rigtig skriftmæssigt; men jeg ved, at det for mig er noget virkeligt. Der er nogle, hvis Frelse Dag og Nat ligger mig paa Sinde, og jeg sørger over, at de er blevet fremmede for Guds Rige. Selv vil de ikke komme; men her inde i Guds Nærhed nævner jeg deres Navne for Naadens Trone, og lægger dem i hans Haand, som har døbt dem. Og det giver mig et nyt Haab og en ny Fortrøstning.

Og endelig: Jeg gaar til Alters for at sige Tak. Saadan tænkte de første Kristne, og de kaldte ligefrem Nadveren for "Taksigelsen." Og jeg forstaar deres Tanke. For netop ved Nadverbordet—det vil sige hos den korsfæstede—bliver vi jo mindet om Guds grænseløse Naade. Og derfor maa det ogsaa være Stedet, hvor vi takker. Man kan gaa til Alters med sin Sorg og med sin Bekendelse og med sine Bekymringer og med sine Spøragsmaal—men man maa altid tillige gaa til Alters med sin Tak. For dér faar jeg den største Gave, jeg har faaet, siden jeg blev døbt.

—Svend Rehling.

Jeg kommer, Herre, til dit Alter, som den fortabte Søn kom hjem; se ej paa mig og mine Pjalter, din Bryllupsklædning dækker dem. Se kun paa eet: jeg er herinde for selv at findes og at finde.

Du saa, hvor slet jeg holdt til Raade med alle de betroede Pund; nu kommer jeg og trygler: Naade! Tal til mig med den Hyrdestemme, Min sjæl er syg, gør du den sund! jeg aldrig helt har kunnet glemme.

Jeg ved det godt, jeg ligner Ranken som ikke sætter modne Bær; men luk ej Øret for min Banken, og tag mig, Jesus, som jeg er! Af dig kan jeg faa nye Kræfter, saa jeg kan bære Frugt herefter.

Und mig en Plads ved Nadverbordet, længst borte, naar jeg blot er med; før har jeg følt, at Frelserordet kan naa det mest forborgne Sted. Gentag, at det er ej for silde for den, der har begyndt at ville!

Saa giv mig ej, hvad jeg fortjener, ved Korsets Fod jeg søger Læ; det røkkes ikke, skønt jeg læner mit trætte Hoved mod dets Træ. Der kan jeg se, at naar du kommer, er det som Frelser, ej som Dommer. —Jacob Paulli, Stiftsprovst. (1915). —Dansk Kirkehilsen.

Heere, din mikunnhet varer evindeligt; oppgi ikke dine henders gjerninger! Sal. 137, 8.

Vore tanker han være bønner. Der er tider hvor hvor sjelen er paa kne, hvad saa legements stilling end kan være.

I Brennpunktet

Er der Kristelig "Ingenmannslands"?

Taleren saa ut over en flokk skoleungdom: Ed det synd aa danse? Nei, kom det kontant. er det synd aa gaa paa kino, teater, aa spille kort? Nei, kom det enno sterkere. Er det synd aa ta et glass slik i all pyntelighet. Nei . . . Hva er da synd?

De ting nevnt overfor har faatt navnet adiafora, av det greske verb adiaforein, som betyr: aa være likegyldig. De er derfor blitt kalt "mellomting" fordi det er blitt framholdt at de er ting som tilhører en kristelig nøytral sone, et saakalt "ingenmannsland" som hverken Gud eller djevelen eier. Og de opfattes som enslags kristelig baas med verdslige gleder til fornøyelse for lunkne kristne. Dette er selvsagt en maate aa se tingene paa som er baade overfladisk og ukristelig.

Er du en kristen maa du se enhver sak **innenfra**. Og der er ingen nøytral sone i ditt liv. Du maa to stadpunkt til enhver sak med din samvittighet innfor den levende Gud. "Alt det som ikke er av tro er synd." Rom. 14:23. Du maa ha tro til enhver sak dersom du skal kunne forsvare den kristelig.

Dernest maa du som kristen ta hensyn til din **nest**. Som kristen lever du ikke lenger isolert. Du gjør ikke det som faller deg inn uten aa ta hensyn. Du er rykket ut av din egoistiske isolasjon til aa bli et lem paa Kristi legeme. Se 1 Kor. 12:12-27. Naar du som kristen handler, saa representerer du Guds hele menighet paa jorden . . . Dette vil gjøre deg som en kristen, forsiktig. "Ferdes i frykt i eders utlendighets tid". I Peter 1:17. Du vil søke aa leve uten anstøt bade naar det gjelder verdens barn og troens eget folk. I Kor. 10:32.

Er ditt liv med Gud i orden, saa vil du nok finne veien fram. Opdragelse, miljø og karakter kan være forskjellig og gjøre at vi ser paa disse mellomting forskjellig. Men ditt samfund med Gud vil ordne dette. Har du sett Guds herlighet i Jesus Kristi aasyn (2 Kor. 4:6) vil du ikke kjenne mellomtingene som noen vanskelighet. Som Edin Holme saa vakkert uttrykker det:

Den som ham har sett, kan intet friste.

Ringe synes alt han siden ser. Den som eier Ham, kan allting miste, han begjærer siden intet mer."

—H. A. S.

ØNSKE OG BØNN

Et ønske og et haap som ikke blir til handling er et skudd løst krutt, er en fangen fugls basken mot burets stenger. Hos et kristent menneske maa haap og ønsker for aa bli til noget alltid omsettes til bønn. Det er nettop forskjellen mellem dem og verdens barn.

Verdensbarnet holder en tale, og han ønsker brudeparet lykke og langt liv og gull og grønne skoger; han ønsker det lille nydøpte barn at det maa bli til glede for foreldrene og ikke bli sykt, for det er jo saa sundt og velskapt; og konfirmanten ønsker man—ja, hvem vet hvad man ikke ønsker ham—og saa er det hele saa tomt, saa tomt, naar der ikke øses av de usynlige kilder, naar ikke Gud er i bakgrunnen med de uuttømmelige muligheter, med de naadens rikdommer hvorav alt kan hentes. Et ønske uten bønn, det er som en anvisning paa et falittbo. Et ønske med en bønn, det er en anvisning paa den bank som har alltilværelsens rikdom som kapitalinskudd.

—H. Martensen-Larsen.

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BETHANY SUNSET HOME GIFTS

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| TOFIELD, ALTA. | |
| Friends of Mrs. Andrew Finseth | 2.75 |
| Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jacobson, in memory of Pernille Moen | 3.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Erick Johnson, in memory of Pernille Moen | 1.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Peterson, in memory of Pernille Moen | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Martha Sundlie, in memory of Pernille Moen | 1.00 |
| Bardo friends, in memory of Pernille Moen | 9.25 |
| Friends of Pernilla Moen | 13.00 |
| VIKING, ALTA. | |
| Mr. and Mrs. O. Wollen, in memory of Lars Salvesson | 2.00 |
| Mr. Lars Gollen, in memory of Pernille Moen | 2.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Goathee, in memory of L. O. Wollen | 2.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. A. Naslund and family, in memory of E. N. Westby | 3.00 |
| WELDON, SASK. | |
| Mr. Carl I. Rod, in memory of the Leland children, Sherley, Norma, Marvin | 1.00 |
| WETASKIWIN, ALTA. | |
| Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Pearson, in memory of Mrs. Skattebo | 2.00 |
| YOUNG, SASK. | |
| Bethel Ladies' Aid, in memory of Joseph Arthur Rue | 15.00 |

GIFTS IN NATURA

ARMENA LADIES' AID

Scandia Ladies' Aid.
Mrs. R. Thronsdon, can tomatoes, qt. blueberries; Mrs. R. F. Erickson, 4 lbs. butter; Rev. and Mrs. R. Olson, box Oxydol; Mrs. Adolph Moe, 3 lbs. coffee; Mrs. A. Lyseng, 2 doz. eggs, quart carrots, quart peas, quart beets; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lyseng, 3 lbs. coffee; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Broen, butter and quart cream; Mrs. George Lyseng, 4 lbs. butter; Mrs. E. K. Lyseng, 2 lbs. coffee; Mrs. B. Skaret, sheet; Mrs. Kennet Knudson, 2 lbs. butter; Mrs. S. A. Jensen, water jug; Mrs. Oscar Grue, 2 lbs. coffee, 2 lbs. catelli; Mrs. E. Soderstrom, jar pickles, marmalade; Mrs. N. Grue, cream, butter, eggs, cabbage.

BAWLF, ALTA.
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Leiren, 7 doz. eggs; Mrs. G. I. Anderson, 12 doz. eggs; Mrs. Albert Pederson, served lunches, in memory of Grandma Pederson; Mrs. K. O. Eggen, served waffles for afternoon lunches; Mr. and Mrs. O. Loken, 4 chickens; Mr. Ole Leiren, lending horses several days for farm work; Mrs. H. Scheidegger, donated Biblical picture; Mr. and Mrs. M. Brager, served several afternoon lunches; Mr. H. H. Shannon, 2 gal. apple juice; Mrs. Carl Leiren, Mrs. Morris Leiren and Mrs. O. Fadum, served lunch to all at the Home.

CAMROSE LADIES' AID

Mrs. Skattebo, towel, 2 lbs. coffee; Mrs. Sater, lb. peas, lb. coffee, 2 tins peas; Mrs. Rasmussen, bread, 4 bananas, 3 cans soup, half-dozen buns; Mrs. A. L. Hoveland and I. Hoveland, 2 quarts fruit, 5 lbs. honey; Mrs. Braaten, quart fruit; Mrs. B. Hoveland, 2 quarts fruit, 2 lbs. cube sugar; Mrs. Bergh, 3 quarts fruit, lb. coffee; Mrs. Magnuson, 2 quarts fruit; Mrs. L. J. Hoveland, 3 lbs. butter; Mrs. Fjeldheim, 2 face cloths; Mrs. Ole Krogstad, towel, 2 lbs. coffee; Mrs. Nygaard, lb. coffee, 2 quarts fruit; Mrs. R. Olson, Mrs. L. Olson and Bernice, 8 quarts fruit, box Oxydol, 4 dozen oranges; Mrs. Friberg, apples.

HOLDEN, ALTA.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gunderson, gallon butter.

IRMA, ALTA.

Mrs. E. R. Erickson, man's suit, ladies' overcoat, sport jacket.

KYLE, SASK.

Mrs. Hans Pederson, blanket, pair felt shoes.

OUTLOOK, SASK.

Mrs. O. B. Strand, 3 pillow slips, tablecloth, 4 serviettes.

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Nordgaard, 2 quarts fish balls, 2 quarts canned salmon.

SEDEWICK, ALTA.

Bethany Ladies' Aid.
Mrs. Rolf Jacobson, pair pillow cases; Mrs. Lind Olson, 10 lbs. dried peas; Mrs. Ole Moen, pair towels; Mrs. A. L. Knudson, 2 roller towels; Mrs. Hanna Olson, pair wool ankle socks; Mrs. Nels Djos, 2 lbs. loaf sugar; Mrs. Mary Siverson, 2 lbs. coffee; Mrs. Hans Osbak, chocolate bars and candy; Mrs. Ludvig Arntson, 2 tins orange and 3 tins tomato juice; Mrs. Ovida Anderson, 4 dozen eggs, 2 cans fruit; Mrs. Ole Osbak, sack Sunny Boy, rolled oats; Mrs. Bertha Bonaa, doz. oranges, doz. apples.

TOFIELD, ALTA.

Mrs. A. Patterson, second-hand clothing, ladies' coat, 4 dresses, 6 aprons, 3 waists, 2 bloomers, slip, 7 pairs stockings, 2 skirts, 2 vests, pair gloves, 2 scarves, nightgown, fascinator, towel, washcloth, toilet soap, pair side combs, 4 handkerchiefs.

VIKING ALTA.

Ladies' Aid, Rev. Saugen, pastor:
2 sheets, 2 washcloths, 2 towels.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

Editor: Mrs. Josef B. Haave, Rose Valley, Saskatchewan.

"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9: 37-38.

Now, as then, Jesus stands and looks at the great harvest. Never in the long history of missions have the doors been as open as they are now. Now, as then, Jesus bids His friends make haste. And the friends of Jesus hear Him as He speaks. Never in the history of missions have we had such a great, many-sided and well-planned missionary programs as now. Now, as then, Jesus says: "Pray. Pray without ceasing."

And the friends of Jesus give heed to what He says. A great united plea ascends to the Lord of missions. You, too, prayed. And the Lord heard your prayer. He answered you: "In response to your prayer I will send forth a missionary. I will send you." What did you answer? That you were willing? Or that you wanted others sent to the mission fields? You are not alone in praying thus. That is why there are always too few missionaries. Or did you receive this answer from the Lord: "I will in answer to your prayer send out a missionary. And since you yourself are too old to go, I will send your grown-up child"? What did you answer? That you would give up your child? Or that you in your prayer had thought of other people's children? Just think, there are believing parents who hinder their children from going out to foreign mission fields. Or did the Lord answer you thus: "I have heard your prayer about sending forth laborers. But you yourself are too old, and you have no children to send in your place. Send me therefore your money for the time being"? Most of us are not intended for the mission fields. But Jesus expects that all His friends should live for missions. When that day dawns upon the friends of Jesus, missions will lack neither workers nor funds.

—Hallesby.

HISTORY OF BIRCH HILLS LUTHERAN LADIES' AID (Cont'd)

CHAPTER 2—1931-1946

We would like to begin the second chapter of our history with the building of our church. As was already mentioned in the first chapter, our church was built in the depression years. We had much for which to thank the Ladies' Aid that we were not burdened with this debt for any length of time. The first shovel was set in the ground on June 22, 1931, by O. Qualle and the church was paid for in full on January 30, 1934. The opening service of our church was held on December 6, 1931. There were 27 members in the Aid at this time.

We were looking forward at this time too, to the District Convention to be held here July 12-16, 1933, so for this occasion we were anxious to have our church partly furnished. The altar and altar ring were purchased by the LDR girls; the pulpit was donated by Severt Braaten; and the Baptismal Font was donated by the Sunday School. We had an exceptionally large gathering at the convention, during which we were truly blessed by the many inspiring messages. Among the speakers was Dr. Aasgaard who is still the president of our church in America; and Dr. Bergsaker who has also carried on his work as secretary down through the years. We served two meals a day in the basement—the members were divided into groups, the same as we do at the present time. Of course there have been many activities in the succeeding years; such as serving lunch at Round Lake for the two days of the Bygdelaag Stevne July 15 and 16, 1935. That was quite an undertaking as distances were great. At this time we were looking forward to getting pews for the church. These were made by John Opseth and were installed on November 1, 1935.

We were anxious to get our church in perfect order for the dedication on March 7, 1937. So men and women went to work; some painting, some varnishing, upholstering, scrubbing and cleaning; and soon the church

looked beautiful. Our altar cloth and plush curtains were donated by Mrs. Langley. Then two chancel chairs were donated; one in memory of O. Qualle given by the members of the congregation; the other was in memory of Mr. A. Hagen and was given by the Sunday School and the Langley family. The Communion Set was given in memory of Mrs. Hagen's daughter, Mrs. Sather and the candlesticks were bought by the Ladies' Aid. In memory of Mrs. Hokness, one of our departed Ladies' Aid members, a Bulletin Board and Bible were donated. The church was formally dedicated by our District President, Dr. Lavik, on March 7, 1937, this being the closing day of a three-day Laymen's meeting.

Also in 1937 we started the Historian Book of our Ladies' Aid and our first WMF baby was enrolled in the Cradle Roll, namely Marie Grambo.

During the years we have added a few more new things to our church. An organ was purchased in 1945 by the Luther League, proving a wonderful difference to the old one which was getting rather wheezy and decrepit. The LDR has set aside money for an altar painting too, and we hope it will not be long before it will be possible to obtain one. Of course last but not least, is the bell donated by Mr. and Mrs. Nels Swanson, and dedicated July 21, 1946. We pray that as this bell calls us to worship each Sunday, it will beckon to young and old to come with longing hearts to receive spiritual nourishment. We are still looking forward to renovating the basement so it can be used for the Sunday School and other gatherings.

(To be concluded).

1947 WMF Program

Have all you Ladies' Aid presidents looked over the new program packets? It promises so much of what is necessary in our daily lives. The topics are taken from The Sermon on the Mount, centred about The Beatitudes. The message concerns the life of the Christian in the Kingdom. In the packet there is, for the first time, an official register listing all the general, district and circuit officers of the whole WMF organization. This will be of great assistance to all Aids in sending in reports and contributions, as the names and addresses of the various officers are all given.

For January, the topic is concerned with the Sermon on the Mount as a whole, introducing the Beatitudes, gives the setting of the Sermon, to whom addressed, its message and its relation to the Law of the Old Testament. The department to be stressed and studied is the one on Charities, and in this respect the local Charities Secretary should inform herself of the work of her department and give a short talk at this meeting. She should have on hand and give out at this Aid meeting self-denial envelopes to members and interested friends. This envelope is returned in February with a gift of money enclosed which is used for Children's Homes and Sunset Homes, etc. This money is credited to the local budget.

I hope that all of you will follow as much as possible the outline as given in "My WMF Reminder" for every month of the year. It is not hard to do; in fact it will make your Aid meetings more interesting and purposeful. It is not expected that you take up the work of every department if you find it impossible, but the information about the work is being given and that is also important.

The triplicate cards are beginning to come in and we are thankful for every one that comes. Just a reminder to those Ladies' Aids that have not sent their report cards; be sure to fill in the triplicate card and send it immediately to the proper officers of your circuit, also district and general. Unless the triplicate cards are filled in and sent, your Aid cannot be recorded as active. Also do not neglect to complete the "work sheets" and send them back to the circuit department secretaries. Even if you have nothing to report on them, please re-

turn them anyway with the notation that the department is not worked.

May you all plan carefully your year's program and work, and may God's richest blessings be upon your work that it may be to His glory and honor.—Mrs. J. B. H.

Moose Jaw Circuit W.M.F.

A program and business session was held at Torquay, October 26. Mrs. H. L. Johnson led in Scripture using Matt. 22:36-40 and I Tim. 6: 6-11. She also gave a very inspiring and interesting report on the Workers' Conference at Saskatoon. She expressed that the sole purpose of the WMF is to reach out at home and abroad, to reach out and to lead women, and teach them to come to the foot of the Cross, to Jesus.

After some discussion, it was decided to continue sponsoring the WMF radio broadcasts only if they were moved to Moose Jaw so that we could receive them better in this Circuit. Every Ladies' Aid is asked to pay \$5.00, rather than \$1.00 as previously to Circuit and District treasury. Each Aid is also requested to sponsor a temperance program once a year. The proceeds of the offering was given to the Bethany Sunset Home Building Fund.

In the evening a program was presented, Mrs. Olaf Fonstad leading in Scripture and prayer, reading from II Cor. 9:5-15. The main address was given by Dr. Bergsaker of Minneapolis, "Lutheran World Action." A paper "Stewardship of Body and Mind" was presented by Mrs. A. G. Pederson of Torquay. Pastor and Mrs. Kvalle of Ambrose, N.D., added to the program by singing two duets: "Christ Is Not a Disappointment" and "Lift My Eyes That I May See Thee." Also a solo "Give of Your Best to Your Master," was given by Agnes Fonstad.

Officers elected: Pres., Mrs. A. G. Vinge, Torquay; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Groettem, Moose Jaw; secretary, Mrs. Alvin Vinge, Torquay; treasurer, Mrs. Askeland, Moose Jaw; life membership secretary, Mrs. Pohle, Lake Alma; promotion secretary, Mrs. Anderson, Viceroy; charity secretary, Mrs. J. Jacobson, Estevan; missions, Mrs. H. L. Eglund, Midale; education, Mrs. H. L. Johnson, Torquay.

Mrs. Alvin B. Vinge,
Secretary Pro-Tem.

CONTRIBUTED NEWS ITEMS

Rose Valley LDR held their Christmas meeting in the church December 9. The topic, read by Edith Westby, was the life of Mary the Mother of Jesus as related to His Birth. Very impressive was the simple Treasure Chest service when the girls placed their chests on a candle-lighted altar centred with a small cross; this was the gift of each girl's thankful heart showing itself in overflow giving. A brief social time passed before the Worship Offering was received as the members and visitors stood around the lunch table decorated with Christmas goodies and candles. Each LDR girl received a beautiful crocheted bookmark in the form of a cross from our leader, Mrs. Haave.—Edna Engebretson.

Madam President and Officers, do you have a WMF Handbook? One is found in every 1947 Program Packet.

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